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ADDITIONAL GAINS MADE BY BRITISH IN SOMME REGION

German Second Positions Northwest of Bazentin-le-Petit Wood Captured.

ADVANCE EXTENDS OVER 1,500-YARD FRONT

Brings English Almost to Crest of Albert Plateau, Where Lies Enemy's Third Line.

RUSSIANS LAUNCH OFFENSIVE

Force Von Linsingen's Troops to Retire Behind Lipa River.

Bad weather has settled down over the fighting front in France. Hostilities have virtually ceased for the moment in the Somme region, where the latest reports had credited to the British additional large gains against the Germans near the Bazentin-le-Petit wood in the vicinity of Longueval and at Ovillers-la-Boiselle. Bombardments are in progress near Soissons, in the Verdun sector.

The British have captured additional German prisoners in the Somme region, and brought their total since July 1 up to 135 officers and 10,775 men of other ranks. In addition, seventeen heavy and 133 lighter guns have fallen into British hands during this period.

Imperial William is reported at the front in the Somme region.

In the Verdun region, the French have been on the aggressive. Following an advance Sunday west of Fleury, southwest of Vaux, they gained additional ground Sunday night in the same region, capturing three machine guns in their advance. In Lorraine, southeast of Nancy, two German attacks were repulsed.

MORE RUSSIAN TROOPS REACH WESTERN THEATER

Paris announced the landing of an additional contingent of Russian troops in France, supplementing the force estimated at 25,000 sent late in April and early in May.

In Volhynia, in the region of Lutsk, where the troops of the Teutonic allies have been forced to give ground before the attacks of the Russians and retire behind the lower Lipa River, the Russians continue to press their foes, and are taking additional prisoners.

Many attacks by the Austrians against the Italians in the upper Polesina Valley proved unavailing in bending back the line of the Italians, who, in a counterattack in which there was hand-to-hand fighting, repulsed the Austrians over the entire front. Failures likewise followed an attempt of the Austrians to surround the Italians in the Trava Valley, according to Rome.

Intermittent bombardments and local fights between infantry are taking place in the Caucasus region between the Turks and the Russians. No important changes have taken place in this theater.

EVER-DEEPENING SALIENT FORCED INTO GERMAN LINES

LONDON, July 17.—The British army under General Sir Douglas Haig is forcing an ever-deepening salient into the German lines, and has improved its position along practically the entire battle front, capturing by assault 1,500 yards of German second-line positions. Strong German positions have been taken north of the Bazentin-le-Petit wood, Waterlot farm, between Longueval and Guillemont, and the entire villages of Ovillers and La Boisselle have been captured.

Evidence in the shape of documents captured from the Germans give testimony as to the high price the Germans are paying in casualties.

The British have improved their position. The gains being them almost to the crest of the Albert Plateau, where stretches the German third line.

NEWS FROM EASTERN ZONE

The news from the eastern front to-day was equally important. The Russian commander, General Kuropatkin, has launched an offensive against Field Marshal von Hindenburg on the Divina River, and General von Linsingen's troops, southwest of Lutsk, have been compelled to retire behind the Lipa River, while in the course of Sunday's fighting in Volhynia the Russians captured an additional 13,000 prisoners and thirty guns. General von Linsingen's retirement, according to the Petrograd military critics, represents a great Russian tactical success. It was preceded by heavy fighting in which the Russians smashed the Teuton front on a width of a mile, and penetrated several miles into their positions.

The war now is costing Great Britain 15,000,000 sterling daily, but with such news as the successes of the entente allies this sacrifice is nowhere grieved.

While the powers of endurance of the Teutonic allies, should they be forced to act entirely on the defensive, have still to be tested, the British nation is full of confidence.

It is taking nothing for granted, however, but is fully prepared to acquiesce in the advice of its leading ministers, the Foreign Secretary Grey and Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna, who are publicly exhorting the nation to the need of patience. Mr. McKenna told the House of Commons to-day that nobody could estimate what the nation's war expenditure might be a month ahead. He also intimated that it would become necessary this week

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Villa Followers Are Making Way North

Their Object Is to Carry Out Another Raid on American Border.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, MEXICO, July 17.—Several scattered groups of Villa followers have eluded the cordon of government forces which surrounded them in the Rio Florido bottoms, and have reassembled at Tanajas and Las Escobas, on the road to Ojinaga, and are making their way north, with the object of making another raid on the American border, according to confidential advices to General Jacinto Trevino to-day.

The advices, which came from Santa Rosalia, said the outlaws skirted Chihuahua City by traveling in small groups to the little settlements northeast of here.

General Trevino immediately ordered the commanders of the garrisons at Ojinaga and Piedras Negras to throw troops out in an attempt to intercept the bandits, whose numbers were estimated at about 200.

Francisco L. Trevino, civil Governor of Chihuahua, announced to-day that he had investigated the reported seizure of the Hearst ranch at Babiora, and had determined, he said, that the property was not confiscated, but that the cattle were merely detained to prevent the possibility of their being moved across the border without paying duty.

Reports from General Luis Herrera, at Parral, to-day indicated quiet in that district. General Matias Ramos has not yet engaged the main Villa band, which is surrounded in the Rio Florido district, he said, but is pressing them closely. The dispatches added that strong forces had been ordered in Santa Barbara and other mining settlements in the district to prevent possibility of raids.

McADOO TO QUIT CABINET

Washington Hears He Is to Succeed Hamilton as Governor of Federal Reserve Board.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Official circles were interested in a report here tonight that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is to resign from the Cabinet to accept the appointment as governor of the Federal Reserve Board, succeeding Charles H. Hamilton. Secretary McAdoo could not be reached tonight. Governor Hamilton was out of the city. It was impossible, therefore, to obtain official verification of the report. The term of Governor Hamilton expires August 1. His successor will be given a term of ten years.

Members of the Federal Reserve Board receive the same salary as Cabinet officers, \$12,000 a year. The office is one of the most widely sought and most highly prized in the gift of the government.

Governor Hamilton has been urged repeatedly to retire from the reserve board and make the race as Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. Secretary McAdoo, who is the son-in-law of the President, was at the White House to-day in conference with the President. Postmaster-General Burleson, who with Mr. McAdoo is the President's closest political adviser, also was at the White House. The White House was silent to-night on the reported Cabinet changes.

HORSES FOR U. S. SOLDIERS

Approximately 1,000 Horses, Purchased in Middle West, Concentrated at El Paso.

EL PASO, TEX., July 17.—Approximately 1,000 horses, purchased in several Middle Western States, have been concentrated here within the last few days for the purpose of providing mounts and draft animals for the National Guard cavalry and artillery stationed here. The first of the animals were issued to-day to two troops of the First Massachusetts Cavalry, and it was announced the remainder will be distributed before the end of the week.

Contracts have been let, it was announced to-day, for the construction of eighteen new pavilions at the army base hospital at Fort Bliss. With the concentration of thousands of national guardsmen here, the new structures will mark the third enlargement in two months, the hospital now having a capacity of approximately 900 patients. Medical officers announced, however, that less than 100 guardsmen are now confined in the hospital and asserted that this is a remarkable showing.

HAY NOW FEDERAL JUDGE

Senate Confirms Nomination of Virginia Representative to Court of Claims.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

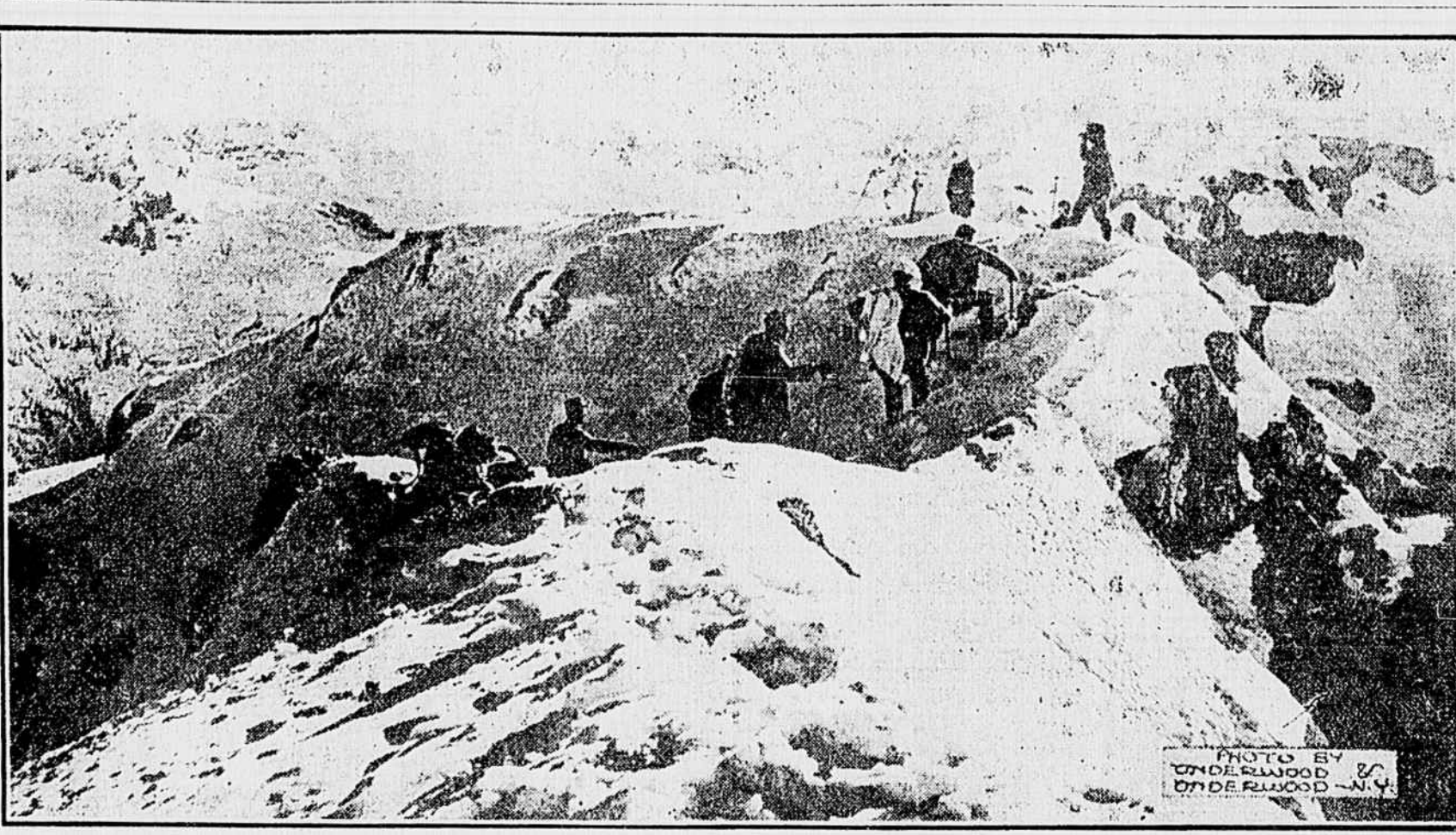
WASHINGTON, July 17.—The Senate late to-day confirmed the nomination of Representative James Hay, of Virginia, to be an associate justice of the United States Court of Claims. This appointment had been referred to the Judiciary Committee. Senator Martin to-day polled the committee, and found it unanimously in favor of confirmation. The Senate ratified the recommendation of the committee without a roll call.

WAR ON BOOTLEGGERS

C. & O. Orders Its Police Officers in West Virginia to Carry Rifles as Well as Revolvers.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., July 17.—Police officers employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in West Virginia have been ordered to carry rifles as well as revolvers in order to resist efforts of bootleggers and their agents to bring intoxicating liquors into this State. These officers also have been instructed to work in squads of four, instead of singly or in pairs. The orders resulted from the increased number of attempts to violate the State prohibition laws.

FIFTEEN LIVES ARE LOST; PROPERTY DAMAGE \$15,000,000



This remarkable photograph shows the Austrian troops on the peaks of the great range of mountains where the Italian and Austrian troops are engaged. It is reported that in many places the ice and snow are beginning to melt and great holes are encountered everywhere. Blocks of snow and ice are sliding down the mountains, impeding the progress of the Alpine fighters of both countries.

EASLEY NOT TO CONTEST ACTION OF TAX BOARD

Removed Examiner of Records Leaves People to Judge Rights of His Case.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—President Wilson decided late to-day to change the tentative plan for holding the notification ceremonies on August 5 because he desired to postpone them until after the adjournment of Congress.

WATKINS TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Governor Returns, but Tax Board Holds No Meeting—Prominent Attorney Points Out Evil Political Effects of Petition System.

James S. Watkins, recently removed by the State Tax Board as examiner of records of the Sixth Circuit, will not contest the board's right, under the act lately passed by the Legislature, making examiners responsible to that body to remove him. On the day following his removal Mr. Watkins indicated that he would consult counsel as to the advisability of contesting the Tax Board's action.

Although every member of the Tax Board was in the city yesterday, there was no meeting of that body, the Governor occupying himself with the disposal of the business that has accumulated in his office during his absence. This afternoon the Governor will leave for Old Point, where he will board the Commodore Maury for a business cruise, in the course of which he will inspect proposed locations for the new marl and oyster-shell-grinding plant and hold a conference with the Governor of Maryland with the view of adjusting several Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay boundaries now in dispute.

The Governor will not be back until the end of the week. It is not regarded as probable now that the Tax Board will hold a meeting before August. Individually, none of the members was willing to make any comment on the Watkins episode and the conflicting charges and countercharges that followed the examiner's summary removal.

WATKINS QUALIFIES AS EXAMINER OF RECORDS

Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., of South Boston, qualified yesterday as examiner of records for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court at Houston.

Mr. Watkins was in the city for a short time on collateral business connected with the office which he has just vacated. He had nothing for the present to add to the facts that have already been given publicly. He had decided, he said, to make no effort to contest the legality of the Tax Board's action. The wide publicity that the whole case has received, he said, served the purpose of laying before the people the true circumstances of the fight against him, and he was content to abide by the people's verdict.

Under the terms of the resolution adopted by the Tax Board on July 7, the appointment of Mr. Watkins is for a short term, expiring at the end of the present calendar year. This rule applies also to the three other examiners that were declared vacant and filled by the appointment of new men. At the beginning of next year the board will appoint anew for every circuit in the State.

BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

With Mr. Watkins already qualified as the new examiner, Mr. Easley becoming reconciled to his harsh fate, and the Tax Board pursuing its policy of silence, the stirring examinership fight of the Sixth Judicial Circuit appears to be swiftly passing into the realm of the historical. It is even regarded as doubtful now that the board will issue an explanatory statement.

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TRAVEL BY BOAT TO BALTIMORE
The most delightful water trip in America. \$2.50 one way. \$4.50 round trip. Chesapeake Steamship Co.

TO DELAY NOTIFICATION UNTIL CONGRESS ENDS

President Decides to Change Tentative Plan for Holding Ceremonies on August 5.

BUSINESS BEFORE POLITICS

Chairman McCormick Discusses Entire Political Situation With Executive, Particularly About Capturing Votes of Former Progressives.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—President Wilson decided late to-day to change the tentative plan for holding the notification ceremonies on August 5 because he desired to postpone them until after the adjournment of Congress.

The decision was announced by Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who issued this statement after a conference with the President:

"I found the President embarrassed by the thought that he ought not to turn to politics until the business of this congressional session was over. Of course, it is possible that the session may last so long as to make it impractical to wait for its close for the notification, particularly as the President feels it to be of the utmost importance that the child-labor bill and the workmen's compensation bill be passed at this session, but the President feels it to be his duty to postpone the notification ceremony, if possible until the adjournment of Congress."

NOTIFICATION CEREMONIES TO BE AT "SHADOW LAWN"

Mr. McCormick also announced that the notification would be at "Shadow Lawn," the President's summer home in New Jersey. He said Mr. Wilson wanted to dispose entirely of the business before Congress before throwing himself wholly into the political situation.

Chairman McCormick discussed the entire political situation with the President. He said that later this week he would name a man to take charge of the headquarters at Chicago, and would complete organization of a labor bureau.

The President and Mr. McCormick talked over particularly the efforts that will be made to secure the vote of former members of the Progressive party. Senator Walsh discussed with Mr. McCormick what steps should be taken to retain control of the Senate.

Campaign workers from both the Senate and the House will begin active work in the near future. How much active campaigning is done by Mr. Wilson will depend largely on the Mexican situation and on other pending public questions.

VIRGINIA FARES WELL

Total of \$975,000 for Post-Office Projects in This State Carried in Appropriation Bill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Virginia fared well in the public buildings bill reported to Congress to-day. The measure authorizes enlarging the Federal Building at Roanoke to the extent of \$75,000. The enlargement of the post-office building at Harrisonburg is to cost \$6,000. Purchase of more ground space and the erection of a post-office annex at Norfolk will cost \$650,000. Other sums appropriated were as follows: \$25,000 for the erection of a post-office at West Point; \$80,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a post-office at Bristol; and the same for Staunton, to cost \$55,000. The erection of the post-office at Bristol will give the twelfth of Tennessee and Virginia two separate post-office buildings. The total for Virginia is \$375,000.

TO-DAY MAY SEE PASSAGE OF NAVAL BILL IN SENATE

Administration Leaders Hope for Favorable Action Before Adjournment To-Night.

PROVIDES 16 CAPITAL SHIPS

Such Opposition as Develops Comes From Both Sides of Chamber, but Measure Is Defended Both by Democrats and Republicans.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The naval bill, amended to provide for the construction of sixteen capital warships within three years, eight of them in 1917, will be passed in the Senate before adjournment to-morrow, it was hoped by administration leaders to-night.

Such opposition as developed in the Senate to-day came from both sides of the chamber, Senators Thomas and Vardaman, Democrats, and Senators Works and Norris, Republicans, leading the attack on the building program. Both Democratic and Republican leaders defended it, however, and an amendment by Senator Norris to delay construction of any of the sixteen capital ships until after the close of the European war, and after failure of efforts to create an international peace tribunal, was tabled, 45 to 11.

In support of his amendment, Senator Norris declared the bill provided for expenditure of more money for naval construction in time of peace than was ever spent by any nation in the world, despite the fact that "it is very probable that before the European war is over the United States, without the construction of a single ship, will have the greatest navy in the world."

VAIDAMAN SAYS CONGRESS YIELDS TO HYSTERIA

Senator Vardaman declared Congress was yielding to hysteria, and cautioned against expenditures of such vast sums for armament until the country's cool, normal judgment could be consulted. Senator Thomas opposed the construction of so many big ships, and urged that submarines and aircraft would be sufficient protection for a nation which does not contemplate offensive warfare. Senator Works predicted that passage of the bill would mark a change in military policy that would overturn the peaceful spirit of America.

Senators Lewis, Democrat, and Borah, Weeks and Kenyon, Republicans, spoke in favor of the measure. Senator Borah urged that if the United States was to enjoy the blessings of peace, it must convince the world it is prepared for war.

"Let us serve notice on the nations of the world," said the Idaho Senator, "that while we love peace and covet their regard, our friendship cannot be purchased at the price of American citizenship."

LEWIS WANTS PEOPLE TO BE TOLD FRANK TRUTH

Senator Lewis pleaded that the people be told the frank truth about foreign relations, so they would demand an adequate navy.

"America to-day has not one friend among all the nations of the world," said Senator Lewis. "We have offended all from their point of view. We have served all from our point of right. Let us go to the people of our country with our reasons for this extraordinary preparedness. Tell them we move forward because we must in order to live."

EXCURSION TO THE MOUNTAINS

Via Norfolk and Western Railway. Will leave 10:30 Street Station this morning at 11:15 A. M. Phone Madison 457 for full particulars.—Adv.

RAILROADS TAKE STOCK OF LOSSES BY WATER

Southern Is Hardest Hit, Asheville Line Being Broken in Many Places.

THROUGH SERVICE SUSPENDED

Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western Fare Better and Resume Service—Western Union Prepares to Reconstruct Its Lines.

Only vague and incomplete reports had sifted through last night from the isolated sections of Western North Carolina, where the floods of Sunday carried away many railroad structures and miles of track and telegraph wires. Until the raging waters of the mountain streams have receded, which in some instances had started last night, it is impossible to ascertain what losses the railroads have suffered or what length of time train service will be suspended.

From the New River sections of West Virginia it was reported late last night that the waters of the stream were rapidly falling, and would be normal again in a few hours. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway's service, which was in immediate danger at one time, was not interrupted, and trains continued on their regular schedules. The local officers of the Norfolk and Western were advised yesterday that while the road had suffered severe damages at several points, trains were being operated over the main and branch lines of the system, except on the extension between Pulaski and Galax.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY AND WESTERN UNION ARE HAD HIT

The Southern Railway and the Western Union Telegraph Companies, probably the hardest hit in North Carolina, are directing their repair work practically from this city, as both companies have their district headquarters, which embrace Virginia and North Carolina, in Richmond. Both companies were working largely in the dark yesterday and last night, as in many instances the waters are still running over their properties, and it is impossible to determine what damage had been done. The greater part of the day was spent in assembling workmen and materials and dispatching them into the inundated district.

The Southern rushed two special trains of repair forces and materials from Richmond early yesterday morning, and two additional trains followed last night. The general offices of the road in this city issued the following statement last night:

"Intending passengers are notified that service of this company is temporarily interrupted by floods to all points west of Rural Hall and Salisbury and to points south of Charlotte, N. C."

"Through Pullman sleeping cars between Richmond and Asheville and between Richmond and Atlanta temporarily discontinued, effective July 18. Notice of restoration of service will be given." The statement was signed by Magruder Dent, district passenger agent.

ONE THROUGH TRAIN GOES BY DETOUR ROUTE

It was announced last night that the Southern had been able to get its through train, No. 28, between Washington and Atlanta, into service, and passengers leaving Richmond last night at 11:15 o'clock made connection with this train. It was operated in two sections, the first being detoured by way of Lynchburg and Knoxville to Atlanta. The second section passed through Charlotte, where it was switched to the Seaboard by way of

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FLOOD FIGURES MOUNT HIGHER AS WATERS RECEDE

North Carolina Suffers Heaviest Ravages of Torrents in Five States.

RAILWAY AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE IS DEMORALIZED

Reports From Places Now Isolated May Add to Story of Desolation.

HUNDREDS MADE HOMELESS

Industry Brought to Standstill and Relief Committees Care for Those Distressed.

Fifteen persons dead, at least ten missing and property damage estimated at \$15,000,000 is the known toll of the floods which have raged in five Southern States for the past forty-eight hours.

Although the waters are receding in nearly all districts, railroad and telegraph communication still is demoralized, and reports from towns and villages now isolated may increase both the number of deaths and the property loss.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia all suffered heavy damage from the overflowing streams, swollen by torrential rains which followed last week's hurricane as it swept inland from the coast, but the heaviest loss was in North Carolina, where fourteen of the fifteen deaths are reported, and where two-thirds of the material damage was done.

The list of known dead: Asheville, two; Biltmore, four; Alexander County, three; Edinville Township, two; Marshall, three; Radford, Va., one. All but one of the dead were white. The missing: Ten Southern Railway construction men, who went down with a bridge near Charlotte.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IN VARIOUS STATES

The property damage is summarized from the latest reports as follows:

North Carolina: Asheville — Twenty-five industrial plants destroyed, including cotton and lumber mills, machine shops and coal and feed yards; sixty residences in the lower part of the city washed away and 100 persons homeless, with 1,200 out of employment; power and gas plants out of commission. Elkin—Small hotel, farmers' warehouse, three stores, three machine shops and two livery stables carried away. Monbo—Monbo cotton mills demolished.

East Monbo—Cotton mills damaged and \$50,000 worth of cotton destroyed. Alexander County—Alpsaugh cotton mills washed away, Lileston cotton mills damaged.

Buncombe, Henderson and Madison Counties—Many mills damaged and hundreds of persons out of employment. Statesville—Brick plant destroyed and Long Island cotton mills, near-by, damaged.

Catawba County—Cotton warehouse, with 1,500 bales of cotton, carried away. In this county, as well as in Rockwell and Alexander, great damage was done to crops and small mills. Biltmore—Many persons driven from their homes, and mills and crops in surrounding territory damaged.

Marshall—Fifty-three homes destroyed. Jonesville—Many homes flooded. Hendersonville—Two dams washed out, damage to mills and to crops in Henderson County.

Lexington—Several lumber mills in surrounding country carried away, stock killed and crops destroyed. Cleveland County—Dravo power dam near Shelby destroyed, crops in county damaged.

RAILROAD COMPANIES ARE HEAVY LOSERS

Five highway bridges, three in Mecklenburg County and one near Statesville and another near Mooresville, are known to have been washed away, while at least six railway bridges were destroyed.

The Southern Railway lost a bridge near Mount Holly, another near Rock Hill, another near Salisbury and another at Belmont. The Seaboard Air Line bridge above Belmont is gone, as is the Piedmont and Northern Electric Line bridge, near-by.

South Carolina: Crops badly damaged throughout Piedmont section and several railway bridges, including the Southern Railway bridge at Abston, washed away. Georgetown—Warehouses and stores on water front and two lumber mills damaged. Seaboard Air Line track washed out for short distance, Virginia: Radford—Several buildings destroyed and crops in near-by counties damaged. Four Norfolk and Western bridges on the Galax branch, one on Little Creek extension, Pepper Bridge, near Radford and another bridge near Pearisburg washed away. Damage in